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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night. The roll call showed all members present.

Richard Handy, manager of the Soho Park and Improvement Company appeared before the Committee in regard to an extension of the water, light and sewer service through the proposed streets in that locality.

It was stated by Mr. Handy that a meeting of the Company was held on Thursday, at which time the improvements were decided upon. The President of the Company is Abram S. Hawitt, and prominent officials of the Erie Railroad are also interested in the Company, which proposes to transform the wild and neglected appearance of this section of the township into a park. The Company owns about 150 acres, of which 53 acres lie in Bloomfield and the remainder in Belleville park. This will be done for the accommodation of the people who are expected to reside in the park. This will do away with the Orchard street and Soho stations.

An important feature of the plans of the Company is the extension of Montgomery street from its present terminus at Willett street in a direct line to the proposed new station. About \$20,000 will be spent to improve the property. The streets will be paved with asphalt, and 2,500 trees will be planted this year. The Company have the capital and intend to spend it liberally. They intend to lay water mains and have the Orange water metered by meter. Application will be made to the incoming Legislature to have this section of Belleville Township become a part of Bloomfield Township. Four fifths of the property owners desire such a change to be made. The Belleville Township Committee will not oppose this proposed improvement before the Legislature. The Company intend to grade the sewer system to Montgomery street, where they have a fall of eight feet to connect with the Orange outlet sewer.

Chairman Stout said that the Committee were willing to do all in their power to encourage this public improvement, but that there were some legal questions to be considered pending an extension of the sewer system in another municipality.

This question was referred to the Legal and Franchise Committee for a report at an early date.

Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Road Committee, informed his colleagues that the Contractor had not completed the road work within the time specified in the contract which was October 1st. The work on Franklin street is incomplete. Nothing has been done for two weeks. The men refused to work because they received no pay in six weeks. The Contractor received 80 per cent when the road was completed. Austin Place has not been completed to the satisfaction of the officials. Clerk Johnson was instructed to notify Contractor Shouler and his bondman that if the work is not resumed in five days the town will complete the work at his expense.

The ordinance was passed without opposition, providing for the grading of the sidewalk on the southerly side of Belleville Avenue from Elm to Oak streets, comprising the Schuyler and Barrett properties.

Mr. Albion inquired whether the Orange Water Company were obliged to place water meters when requested to do so. Three cases were brought to his attention where the Company refused to place meters. Ellor Bros. & Hall, factory on Prospect street, National Label Press, on Myrtle Avenue, and Allan Andrews, residence on Grace street were mentioned. This matter was referred to the Water Committee for investigation.

A petition was received from the property owners on Harrison street, north of Newark Avenue to the Belleville line, for an extension of the sewer system. Referred to the Sewer Committee.

Mr. Lawrence said that contracts for sewer work had been given out which could not be completed this month.

Clark Johnson read a petition signed by a large number of prominent residents of the Watseka section of the township, requesting an appointment to one of the vacancies existing on the police force. This was placed on file.

Chairman Moore of the Police Committee recommended that the office of Superintendent of Police be established and that Collector J. Howard Hardcastle be appointed Chief at a

salary of \$25 per month. Also that Lawrence H. Shorter be promoted from a special policeman to the regular force. This order to take effect immediately. Charles A. Venner and Elmer Hawhurst were appointed special policemen. Before the vote was taken Mr. Albion desired a little information in regard to Mr. Hawhurst.

Mr. Lawrence said that he had known him ever since he resided in Bloomfield and that he had never heard anything detrimental to his character. The recommendation and appointments were confirmed without any opposition.

A communication was received from Township Counsel Woodruff, of East Orange, in regard to the assessment of the property known as the Disposal Works, on Glenwood Avenue. He claimed that this property was used for public purposes and therefore exempt from taxation. Counsel Halfpenny concurred in this opinion and the tax for 1896-97 will be canceled.

Mr. Albion said that the Committee had no jurisdiction in regard to laying out of Essex Avenue to a uniform width, as requested by F. W. Osborne, but that was a case for the Surveyors of Highways to consider.

Mr. Fisher reported that he had placed an order for two hundred street signs and was authorized to increase the order if necessary. The signs adopted are of a neat pattern and when placed in position on the old gas lamp posts can be read by the wayfarer when approaching from any direction.

Sealed proposals were received for grading Spruce Street, from Beach Street to Belleville Avenue. The amount of material to be moved is 3,400 cubic yards. Twelve bids were received as follows:

P. H. Smith, " 24 cts. cubit yd

John E. Gunning, Orange, 23c. "

A. L. Taylor, Bloomfield, 37c. "

H. J. Ashley, Bloomfield, 33c. "

N. J. Solley, Newark, 23c. "

Chas. Bayes, Bloomfield, 27c. "

Gustav Brueck, " 33c. "

A. P. Campbell, " 25c. "

W. J. Burnett, " 24c. "

Joseph Salwin, " 23c. "

John Doherty, Newark, 23c. "

Janes Sane, Newark, 24c. "

These bids were referred to the Road Committee.

Clerk Johnson informed the Committee that the awards for the Beach Street extension had been paid with the exception of the Morris Canal and Banking Company, who refused to receive the amount of two cents which was awarded to them for the Beach Street extension.

Essex Avenue.

The Township Committee have made a decided improvement by cutting down the "woods" that had begun to grow up at the side of the street between Osborn and Benson Streets, and filling in the same with stones and gravel taken from the Broad Street sewer excavation. On the Glen Ridge side a similar work should now be done by the Borough Road Committee.

A request was made to the Bloomfield Committee by Mr. F. W. Osborne, and acted upon at the last meeting with reference to the "relaying of Essex Avenue to a uniform width." The Committee decided that it was a matter outside their jurisdiction, that it was something for the Surveyors of Highways to consider.

Inquiry made of Mr. Hardcastle himself elicited the information that the additional office and emoluments were not of his seeking or asking, that no one of the Township Committee desired to be Chief of Police or had the time to attend to the duties of such official. Somebody is needed constantly at the Centre who can attend to the license fee business and have immediate and direct communication with the policemen. For these reasons chiefly the Committee decided upon the appointment of Mr. Hardcastle.

This leads us to observe that as long ago as 1869 "70 a street or avenue was planned on a comprehensive scale, the same being an extension of State Street northerly to Bay Lane. The Surveyors of Highways should have been called at that time, and a fine avenue opened through before the Railroad Company acquired right of way. Had that been done a much-needed straight avenue 66 feet wide, from Park Avenue to Bay Lane and continued a short distance beyond to Broad Street, would have resulted, making one of the finest of street improvements. The property owners attempted to agree among themselves to open such a street, but the trifling expense of arranging with a single owner who had bought a lot and built a small house on Osborn Street stood in the way, and stopped the improvement then. But William A. Benson and Charles H. Osborn determined to wait no longer for what seemed desirable to them, and thus accordingly opened a short street 60 feet wide from Osborn to Benson Street. After this had been done and fences set, a street was similarly opened from Bay Lane to Osborn Street 66 feet in width. To avoid the lot and house on Osborn Street, the street last opened was carried several feet west of the lines of the short street before mentioned.

Now that permanent city improvements are being made, the streets and sidewalks graded, etc., the mistake of many years ago becomes painfully apparent. A number of houses have lately been built on Essex Avenue, consequently it is impossible to relay it without the machinery of the Road Surveyors. If they are called it should be for the purpose of laying

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